

### REMARKS

Claims 1 – 5, 8 – 13, and 15 remain in this application. Withdrawn claims 16 – 20 have been cancelled. Claims 6, 7, and 14 also have been cancelled. Claims 1, 8, and 11 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments noted is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1 – 4, 11 – 12, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wong (U.S. Patent No. 5,893,587). Also, claims 5 – 6, 10, and 13 – 14 were rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong in view of Edwards (U.S. Patent No. 5,895,075). Claims 7 – 9, however, were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Therefore, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 6 and 7. Accordingly, claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled, and claim 8, which depended from claim 7, has been amended to depend from claim 1. Hence, claim 1 is in allowable form, and claims 2 – 5 and 8 – 10, depending directly or indirectly from claim 1, are also allowable.

Further, independent claim 11 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 14 (which is similar to claim 6) as well as the subject matter that was found in claim 7. Accordingly, claim 14 has been cancelled. Hence, the same limitations that were added to claim 1 have been added to claim 11. Applicant submits that claim 11 is patentable over the cited references, as none of the cited reference teach or suggest a destructible privacy label comprising a first sheet-like member including a single layer having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface; said upper surface adapted for printing indicia thereon; said first sheet-like member comprising a plurality of remainder segments and at least one removable segment that is separable from said remainder segments; and a second sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface, said upper surface being siliconized and releasably contacting said first sheet-like member adhesive lower surface;

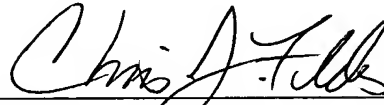
wherein removing said removable segment from said remainder segments renders indicia printed on said first sheet-like member upper surface illegible. Claims 12, 13, and 15, depending from claim 11, are also allowable.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Further, this amendment should be entered as it places the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. No further search or consideration is required. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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